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Commission endorses ERA resolution

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

The Chowan County Commission approved a resolution endorsing efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners voted 4-2 for the non-binding measure in favor of gender equality that will be sent to Raleigh.

Commissioners Greg Bonner, Ron Cummings, Ellis Lawrence and John Mitchener voted in support

of the resolution while commissioners Jeff Smith and Patti Kersey voted against it. Commissioner Don Faircloth was absent from the meeting.

Many speakers spoke on behalf of the resolution that seeks to add North Carolina to the list of 36 states who have ratified the ERA. Pending legal maneuvers and court challenges, 38 states are needed for the ERA to become law.

See ERA, 9A



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Aces make a splash

Aces' men's 200-meter freestyle relay made a splash at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association East Regional swim meet on Saturday. — 1B

Tour recalls life of slave

The Harriet Jacobs Walking Tour being offered by the Historic Edenton Historic Sites Visitor Center on North Broad Street during the month of February is drawing considerable interest and the number of remaining slots you can register for are dwindling. — 3B



Pets of the Week

Check out some of the pets the Tri-County Animal Shelter offers that would love to start the new year in a home of their very own. — 6A

Students earn top marks

Many students from Chowan County recently earned top marks from the College of the Albemarle. — 5A



Event shows beauty

Those who have experienced their fill of snow, icy roads and chilling temperatures are eagerly awaiting spring and the arrival of this year's Easels in the Gardens event that showcases some of the most beautiful spots in the community. — 4B

Twiddy has funding lead

Thanks largely to his own finances, political newcomer Clark Twiddy has taken an early fundraising lead over state Rep. Bob Steinburg in their expected race for a state Senate seat in the newly drawn District 1. — 6A



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When the annual Edenton-Chowan Chamber banquet was over, the honorees gathered in the winner's circle so the paparazzi could take photographs.

Chamber honors Chowan County's best

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Top business professionals accompanied by the glitterati, maybe a paparazzi or two, paid homage at the annual Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce banquet to those folks who have gone and beyond for others.

The Destination Downtown Edenton Main Street Champion was presented to Al Robb, a barber that needs no introduction.

Benbury Wood and Flora Hall, accepted the William P. "Spec" Jones Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Virginia Wood. Odd story about this. Virginia Wood was suffering from a bit of a cold, so she had to call into the awards ceremony as her family accepted the award on her behalf. The audience could clearly hear Wood's cheerful voice over the phone. Though the woman has endured much in the past few months,

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Jimbo's Jumbos' general manager Hal Burns was named as Business Person of the Year.

Wesson to seek seat in House

BY THADD WHITE
 For the Chowan Herald

WINDSOR — Ronald D. Wesson proverbially threw his hat in the ring Monday.

Wesson, who has twice been elected to serve as a Bertie County Commissioner, informed citizens he will be seeking a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives.

"As most of you know, Bertie County was moved in the latest redistricting plan," Wesson said. "We are moving from District 5 to District 1."

Wesson said Bertie County will make up 27 percent of the new district, which also includes Chowan, Camden,

See WESSON, 3A

Filing to begin Monday

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Candidate filing for county offices will be open in the coming weeks.

Three seats on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, the office of Sheriff, and the office of Clerk of Superior Court have terms expiring in December.

Filing is set to begin at noon on Monday, Feb. 12 and will continue through noon on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Those wishing to seek office must go through the Chowan County Board of Elections between 8 a.m. and noon and 1-5 p.m. weekdays during that time.

Democrats Ellis Lawrence, John Mitchener and Jeff Smith currently hold the three seats on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

The current sheriff is

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Man linked to alleged home invasion, shootings

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Edenton Police have arrested a man allegedly linked to a shooting and home invasion.

Recently, the Chowan County Sheriff's Office made several arrests arising from an alleged home invasion, shooting and burglary on Dec. 7 in Chowan County.

When EPD Officer A.M.



TANN

he was walking along Paradise Road.

Tann was arrested without incident and charged with two counts of attempt-

ed first degree murder, two counts of conspiracy to commit murder and discharge of a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

"The Chowan County Sheriff's Office appreciates the vigilance of Officer Wynn in the performance of his duties as we all work together to make Chowan County a safer community," Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said.

Tann's bond was set at

\$2.125 million and he remains in Chowan County Jail.

Tann's arrest comes in the wake of a sweep by local law enforcement led by the sheriff's office.

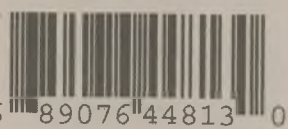
Recently, the sheriff's office arrested Dremale K. Vanterpool, 19, on Dec. 21 at his residence located at 2125 John Hill Lane.

Deputy/lead investigator

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